

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

As the starting fat or oil used in the diglyceride, a fat or oil containing a large amount of an unsaturated fatty acid-residue, for example, including a vegetable (or plant) fat or oil such as safflower oil, olive oil, cottonseed oil, rapeseed oil, corn oil, soybean oil and palm oil; further, an animal fat or oil such as lard, beef-tallow and butter; and a fractional oil thereof, a transesterified oil thereof and a ~~hyrogenated~~ hydrogenated oil (hardened oil) thereof may be used. The diglyceride is obtained by ester-exchanging reaction (,ester-interchanging reaction or transesterification) of a mixture of one or more of these fats and oils and glycerol in the presence of a catalyst or by the ester-exchanging reaction of a mixture of a fatty acid composition having the high levels of unsaturated fatty acids and glycerol in the presence of a catalyst.